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Application of : LEMONS et al.  
Serial No. : 09/551,930  
Filed : April 14, 2000  
For : **PLATFORM-INDEPENDENT EXCEPTIONS-  
BASED METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
REMOTELY MANAGING NODES WITHIN A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**  
Art Unit : 2141  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, in the above-identified patent application. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including June 30, 2004.

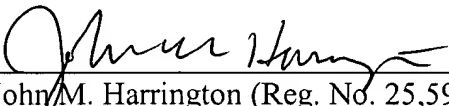
Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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